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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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## Area Education Agency Distribution

### Overview

Senate File 1163 (1974 Iowa Acts, chapter 1172) established the system of Area Education Agencies (AEAs). The AEAs were developed to provide regional support for local schools and teachers. Originally, the AEAs and community colleges shared the same service area boundaries. In recent years, several AEAs have merged to provide greater efficiency in regions with declining populations. The Legislative Services Agency has published an Issue Review with more information.

### Funding

The Department of Education was appropriated \$1.0 million for the AEAs until FY 2017. The Act did not specify a purpose for the funds and was not funded in FY 2018. The School Aid Formula is the main source of funding for the AEAs.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [273](#)

Iowa Code sections [257.32](#), [257.35](#), [257.37A](#), and [257.47](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281](#)

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### More Information

Iowa Area Education Agencies: [www.iowaaea.org](http://www.iowaaea.org)

LSA Issue Review on AEAs: [www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/IR/8540.pdf](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/IR/8540.pdf)

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